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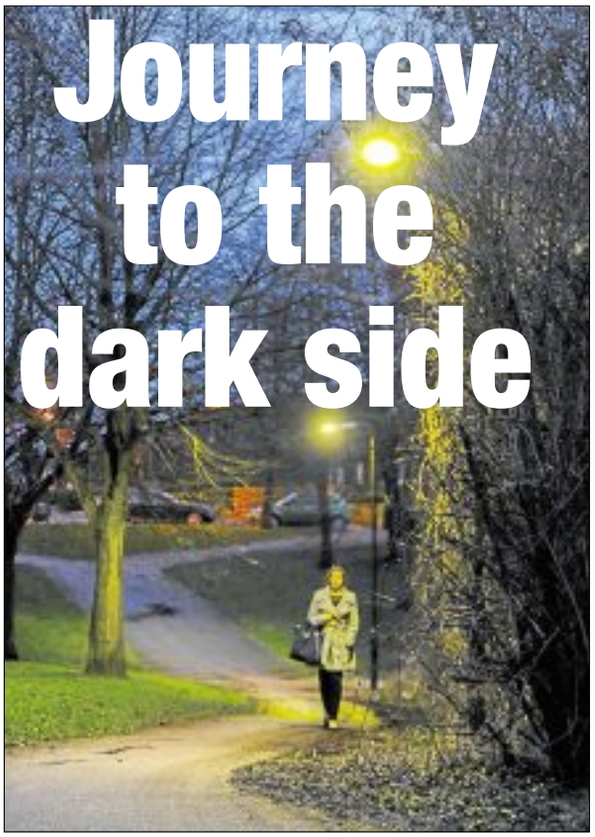
DO YOU FEEL SAFE?

Tina Hall: "A lot of people prefer not to use redways because they are dark with poor lighting. There are no cameras and lots of bushes making people feel unsafe to use them."
Thomas Humble: "If more people used redways there would be less isolation. The redways are not as dangerous as people think they are. People need to be educated on how to stay safe, like keeping your phone out of sight. The streets and redways are no more dangerous than they were 20 years ago when I was growing up."
Charlotte Kay Lucey: "I use them all week on the school run. Never had any trouble."
Sarah Bond: "People can do anything out of sight and who would ever know! Even with extra lights at night, I would still walk along a main road instead of redways in Milton Keynes. Cameras are the way forward. But there are a lot of redways to cover!"
Dave Williams: "My wife finds underpasses and redways pretty intimidating. I can understand why people would choose to cross grid roads."
Jamie Pedder: "Cameras and higher police presence is the only way to make people feel safer on redways."



Journey to the dark side

What makes some people so reluctant to walk around MK? Is it the broken lighting and forbidding underpasses? Reporters JESSICA DUNCAN and JAMES AVERILL investigate

RESIDENTS have told MK NEWS they are afraid to use the city's redways and underpasses – and Milton Keynes Council has admitted there needs to be a huge 'cultural shift' for these attitudes to change.

A council transport consultation released on Monday said: "The underpass network offers some benefits from segregation, but it can deter people from walking, particularly pedestrians concerned about their safety in the face of low levels of lighting.

"Encouraging more walking trips, in particular to discourage shorter distance car trips, requires both a cultural shift towards active travel and an attractive walking network. Education and awareness will be key, alongside adequate signage and lighting."

Just before Christmas, 12-year-old Neesha-Leigh Dundon, from Bradwell Common, died crossing the V8 Marlborough Street instead of using the underpass that was just metres away.

Nine months earlier, Victoria Rhodes, 21, was struck by a car on the V11 Tongwell Street, while her friends used the nearby overpass.

Reporter Jessica Duncan went down to two well-used underpasses – one between Springfield and Campbell Park and another in Fishermead.

The one in Fishermead was pitch black as the lighting was broken and she felt very vulnerable because she couldn't see if anyone was there.

And despite lighting along the underpass in Springfield, there were lots of bushes and it was still quite intimidating.

In the last six months MK NEWS has reported 14 crimes on redways and underpasses across the city – with Beanhill, Netherfield and Elder Gate regularly appearing in the list.

Colin Wilderspin, head of community safety at the council, said: "We would like to reassure residents that the likelihood of someone being a victim of crime on redways and underpasses is low, however, we do recognise that the perception of crime in these areas is high."

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the council announced in October it would start installing LED lights and cut back foliage along redways and underpasses.

Councillor Mick Legg, cabinet member for the public realm, admitted there were 'historical perceptions' but hopes the developments will help change perspectives.

He said: "The perception of underpasses and redways is a historical one and we have done improvements to try and change that. You're not going to change those perceptions overnight and it is a big challenge."

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Much missed: Floral tributes at the scene where Neesha-Leigh Dundon, *inset*, met her death

Road death girl's mum calls for safer underpass

THE mother of 12-year-old Neesha-Leigh Dundon is calling for improvements to underpasses and fences to be erected on grid roads after her daughter died crossing the V8.

Kayleigh Dundon, from Bradwell Common, does not believe road speeds should be reduced and told MK NEWS she doesn't blame the driver.

"Neesha-Leigh had got on the wrong bus and when she got off she had to go down the underpass or cross the road to the bus stop on the other side," said the 29-year-old.

"We think she didn't feel safe to use the underpass as it was winter and this one near Netherfield is not very nice and is quite dark and dingy with bushes either side.

"I think Milton Keynes Council should paint all the underpasses white, install CCTV and really focus on keeping up with the maintenance of all the bushes.

"Many of the redways are also very poorly lit."

Mrs Dundon stressed that, as someone who doesn't drive, she has made a point of educating her children on road safety and thinks more needs to be done in schools.

"People don't always see crossing a grid road as dangerous," she added.

"When we were laying flowers at the side of the road where Neesha died, an old lady came up to us and told us she was sorry for our loss.

"She then crossed the same road Neesha did.

"Fences along the longer stretches of grid roads and especially between bus stops could make a big difference.

"Like the ones outside Milton Keynes Hospital, they force people to use the underpasses and not take the risk.

"If we lower road speeds it would just mean more congestion."

Mrs Dundon said that you don't often see road safety adverts on the television any more and, unlike when she was at school, police no longer give regular safety talks to pupils. She said: "Many of Neesha's friends are still finding it hard to come to terms with the fact she is gone."

Review will look at speed

THE cabinet member responsible for carrying out a road safety review in Milton Keynes says it is 'ongoing' and will comprehensively look at the speed limit on grid roads.

Many residents are choosing to cross grid roads instead of using underpasses and Councillor Matt Clifton, cabinet member for economic growth and inward investment, said he understood why people might feel intimidated enough to cross the 70mph roads.

He said: "Of course we need better lighting in underpasses to try and prevent that.

"But I would always say an underpass is a lot safer than crossing a road."

On occasions when people have crossed roads, such as Neesha-Leigh Dundon, the speed limit has contributed to their death – with coroner Tom Osborne writing to the council about the speed limit following the number of deaths.

Cllr Clifton said: "Officers are looking at the ongoing review, but it will not happen quickly.

"There will be a review of speed, but officers need to take time to make sure the review is right."

'Roads weren't designed for 70mph'

ONE of the original designers of the grid road system in Milton Keynes says the roads weren't designed to be at the national speed limit.

John Wardley, from Woburn Sands, was a senior engineer with Milton Keynes Development Corporation, and said the number of deaths on the roads 'isn't right'.

He told MK NEWS: "All the roads were designed very responsibly.

"We didn't design the roads for 70mph.

"The roads started off rurally and were designed for 50mph, now we run to 70mph so the roads should be built to a different specification.

"Fourteen people being killed is not right, particularly in a brand new city. I have written to the council, but have never had a reply from them."

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There's a price to pay

RESIDENTS should be aware that the proposal for the extra development at intu Milton Keynes (aka Midsummer Place) comes at a price.

The original developers of Midsummer Place entered into a legal agreement (which is binding upon intu) to provide public access in perpetuity to some of the land under the curved roof – this includes two wide links into the centre:mk and a 23 metre wide strip along the line of Midsummer Boulevard (20 metres of which is reserved for 80 years for a public transport route).

intu now wishes to build on a significant amount of this protected land – reducing the widths of all three areas, most notably reducing the public transport route to 15 metres.

This will require consent from the council in addition to the planning consent and it is normal in such circumstances for the developer to make a payment because he has, in effect, acquired development land at minimal extra cost.

However, when I raised this with intu at an initial presentation of its proposals last week, it said that it was not prepared to make a payment.

Readers might like to consider whether it is appropriate that intu should seek to lift such a restriction at nil cost and make their views known in any feedback that they give to the proposals.

This is a fundamental principle and we will be asking the council to consider it separately from any planning application.

Tim Skelton
Chairman
Milton Keynes Forum

Get snapping to win a great prize

This colourful spring blanket of primroses was snapped by Mark Newbury at Fishermead. He wins an MK Monopoly Board in our Amazing Milton Keynes photography competition. Keep your best shots coming in for the chance to be a winner.

The picture featured in last week's Amazing MK slot was attributed to Benny Hawes. It was actually taken by Nathan Caesar. We apologise for the error.

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Threat to walkways

I VISITED the intu consultation on Thursday. There were no before and after plans just 'artist's impressions', a slick fast moving video and, of course, no mention or plans of the Walkway Agreement signed in 1996.

The Walkway Agreement was supposed to guarantee public access through Midsummer Place 24/7 in perpetuity, plus a 20 metre central strip preserved for 80 years for a passenger transport system (PTS).

Julie Pears, intu's director of development, told me it is going to build over the parts of this protected public space, but was somewhat confused about the 80 year 20 metre reservation PTS route and the wider public walkway area with 24/7 to eternity access.

I doubt if intu will pay compensation for the loss of public access when it builds more retail space. After intu receives planning permission it will apply to MK Council and Commission for the New Towns to redraw the 1996 agreement, reducing the width to only 15 metres – just wide enough for two buses to pass. Look out pedestrians!

She also confirmed that intu has discussed the project with several senior council officers, who were informed of the intention to reduce the width of the walkway, but did not tell intu it might not be allowed.

So once again, a developer and the council are attempting overturn an agreement, without the public being aware of the true facts, which some thought protected public access through Midsummer Place for eternity.

Sounds like a rerun of Secklow Gate don't you think?

David Stabler
Tower Drive
Neath Hill

Sink this water park

I WOULD like to object to the proposed water park development at The National Bowl, as reported in MK NEWS on March 4.

My objection is based on a number of factors, especially if the water park's development compromises the capacity of the National Bowl significantly.

- The fact that the bowl is an iconic venue that attracts thousands of people from the whole of the UK and Europe.
- That the two concerts at the bowl in 2014 – Pearl Jam and Kings of Leon – both of which I attended, probably generated more income for the local economy than will all three group stage matches combined of the Rugby World Cup, estimated to be £56million.
- This was not one of the options as proposed in the consultancy document from July 2013.
- The soundness of the business case to create a water park, i.e the experience of the preferred partner, Moirai Capital, in successfully developing a water park – i.e. none. It has still to undertake the refurbishment work and promised major development to the Oasis Leisure facilities in Swindon. Its handling of the Wet and Wild in Tyneside has been a fiasco.
- Competition from nearby attractions – primarily Center Parcs at Woburn.
- The long-term viability of the scheme. Such schemes require frequent major injections of capital to provide new rides, maintenance of existing rides and facilities. For example Blackpool Council had to step in to 'rescue' the Sandcastle water park with a £5.5million cash injection and effectively take control in 2006. Remember Dolphin Splashdown and Aquasplash at Hemel Hempsted!
- As a tourist attraction it would only realistically attract people from the surrounding area – Northampton, Luton and Bedford – as there is no planned associated accommodation or other facilities to attract people from further afield. Therefore (using again the example of Blackpool's Sandcastle) a family ticket of £45 would mean a lot of families would only go once or twice a year.
- My last objection is purely from a personal point of view. As a family we've enjoyed many memorable concerts at the bowl and it was one of the deciding factors in our decision to relocate to Milton Keynes back in 1997.

The bowl puts MK on the map as a main venue for stadium rock as other London based venues, particularly the O2, get harder and more expensive to attend.

Jeff Willis
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Young duo: Bailey McConnell will be joined by Amber Falconer for a charity fundraising gig

Bailey gets the Amber light

BRITAIN'S Got Talent finalist Bailey McConnell is set to take America by storm as he joins five other bands on a tour of the States next month.

The singer, who is an MK College student, turned 16 last week and is currently in the studio recording his debut album.

The Grow Wild Tour will be taking in all parts of the country and see Bailey performing alongside IM5, Austin Jones, The Weekend Riot and The House on Cliff.

A special guest is also set to be announced for the tour.

This will be Bailey's first tour of America and give him a chance to play to his adoring fans across the pond.

Bailey will then be returning to Milton Keynes to wow his home audience at The Stables for The Big Night In, which is set to support Macmillan Cancer Research.

The gig takes place on Friday June 26, when Bailey will be playing alongside promising 14-year-old MK singer-songwriter Amber Falconer.

Tickets costs £20 and are available from The Stables box office on 01908 280800.

Child abduction move at school

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A HEADTEACHER has described her shock after a child was nearly abducted outside her school – forcing a police presence outside the gates.

The incident took place outside Heronsgate and Heronshaw schools in Lichfield Down, Walnut Tree, last Wednesday morning. A letter from headteachers Melanie Saunders-Short and Jane Edwards urged parents to 'safeguard' their children.

According to the letter the attempted abduction happened 'opposite the meeting place in the school car park' at Heronsgate.

The man was described as being white, aged in his 30s and with blonde hair. He was of medium height and build and had a scratch on his left cheek. At the time he was wearing blue jeans, a blue/green T-shirt and converse trainers.

He grabbed the child's bag and said 'you're coming with me', but the pupil luckily managed to break free.

Mrs Edwards said: "It was a big shock obviously. But the school have dealt with it in the appropriate way.

"The school has reported the matter to the police, who are now investigating, and we have had a police presence at the school gates at the end of the day this week. There have been additional staff members outside too.

"The child is safe and well and the parents have been kept informed, while all other schools in the city have been notified."

The school has invited a community police officer into school to talk with the children about staying safe.

Anyone with information should call police on 101.

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Suspicious death

A MAN in his 30s was found dead in Winslow Road, Nash, at 9am yesterday. Police are treating the death as suspicious. Keep updated at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

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Parking strategy

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Hunt on for wanted criminal

POLICE are appealing for the public's help to locate a man who is wanted on recall to prison.

Andy Gillan, 26, from Milton Keynes, is wanted for breaching his licence conditions.

He is white, 5ft 10ins, with hazel eyes, of medium build and with short brown hair.

If you know his whereabouts, contact 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Woman on school fraud charge

A WOMAN has been charged with six counts of fraud by abuse of position.

Kathryn Nethersole, 37, of High Street, Olney, was charged on Friday.

The charges relate to offences between March 2011 and May 2014 at Two Mile Ash School.

Ms Nethersole was originally arrested on June 20, 2014.

She was remanded in custody and is due to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on March 27.

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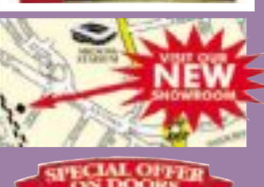

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A fully licensed and insured pilot, Mr Bloomfield, who reached the final 20 in BBC1 show The Apprentice, has The Blue Lagoon and Teardrops Lake next on his agenda.

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Free black bags given the sack

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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BLACK sacks will no longer be supplied free of charge to homes in Milton Keynes.

Letters have been sent out to residents informing them that they will no longer be given the bin bags regularly by refuse collectors and will have to buy them themselves.

The letter from Milton Keynes Council states that the changes are to save £130,000 a year.

The authority has to find £25 million worth of savings in the 2015/16 financial year.

Pink recycling sacks will still be supplied by refuse collectors, or can be picked up from local parish council offices.

Black sacks can be bought from shops and cost between £1 and £3.

A council spokesman said: "Milton Keynes Council will no longer be providing residents with a roll of 26 black sacks for their general waste."

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Deborah Clancy: "They're no longer supplying bags to save money, but have increased my council tax instead!"
Corinna Schell: "Just wish we could have bins as an option."
Chantel Stace: "I didn't know they supplied them for free."
Richard Wallace: "The bin bags issued were biodegradable. If people buy their own they may not be, so the council will be causing another problem."
Sinead Petworth: "I have always bought them, don't see the problem."

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CCTV of train punch

BRITISH Transport Police have released CCTV of a man punching a passenger on a train as it pulled into Milton Keynes Central. View the footage and find out how to help police at **mkweb.co.uk**.

On the way to USA

A FORMER grenadier guard from Walnut Tree who lost his leg in military training is heading to Texas to take part in a disabled body building contest. Read more on Mark Smith at **mkweb.co.uk**.

A village life-saver

LIFE-SAVING defibrillators have been installed in both Bow Brickhill and Stoke Goldington.

Expansion eases school crisis

PARENTS who petitioned for a school expansion have been left 'delighted' after plans were revealed for a second building to be erected.

Oxley Park Academy had only been accepting children who lived within 320 metres of the school entrance, such was the lack of spaces.

But the Labour council has backed plans to erect a second building nearby in Shenley Wood, which could create 60 places for September 2016.

Liz Morris, whose children Bethany, 11, and seven-year-old Rowan attend the school, said: "We are delighted that this crisis will now be eased."

Celebrating MK businesses

MK DONS' chairman Pete Winkelman was given a Lifetime Achievement Award and Bletchley Park named Business of the Year at the Milton Keynes Business Achievements Awards 2015.

At the DoubleTree by Hilton on Thursday, Sir John Southby praised the heritage site as 'exciting, dynamic and innovative', while there was a standing ovation for Mr Winkelman.

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Canal death man 'good swimmer'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE family of Gary Pender have paid tribute to the 'lovable' roofer and bricklayer who was found dead in the Grand Union Canal.

Gary, 29, had been out with his partner and friends at a party on Friday, March 6, but was found floating in the canal near his home in Great Linford at 7.50am the following day.

An inquest into his death was opened at Milton Keynes Coroners' Court in Crownhill on Friday.

It was told that he was last seen cycling to the local shops along the towpath and was later found floating in the canal. He was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital where a post-mortem was carried out.

Mr Pender, a former student at Leon School (now Sir Herbert Leon Academy), leaves behind his two young children, 11-year-old Kaine and 10-year-old Karri.

Members of his family attended the inquest, including his foster mother Emme Bannis, who took Gary in when he lost his mother at the age of 18.

Canal death: Gary Pender

She said: "Gary was a very lovable, kind and happy-go-lucky person.

"When his mother died he was brought into my house. He came in as a friend and as a brother to all of my children.

"They absolutely loved him, they are really cut up. They cannot believe what has happened. I haven't been able to sleep since it happened."

Louisa Pickford, who is the mother of Mr Pender's children, said: "He idolised those kids. They had a box of treasures given to them by a friend, which had all Gary's school reports and old photographs in that his mother had kept for him and all the same things he had saved for his children.

"He wasn't much of a cyclist, he used to walk everywhere, he was a power walker."

Despite the family raising some concerns about the way things were dealt with when Mr Pender was discovered, they are waiting for the full inquest on July 17 before making any further comment.

Mrs Bannis added: "He was such a good swimmer, but we have got to wait until July to find out fully what has happened."

Mr Pender's funeral is being held in Bletchley on Thursday, March 26.

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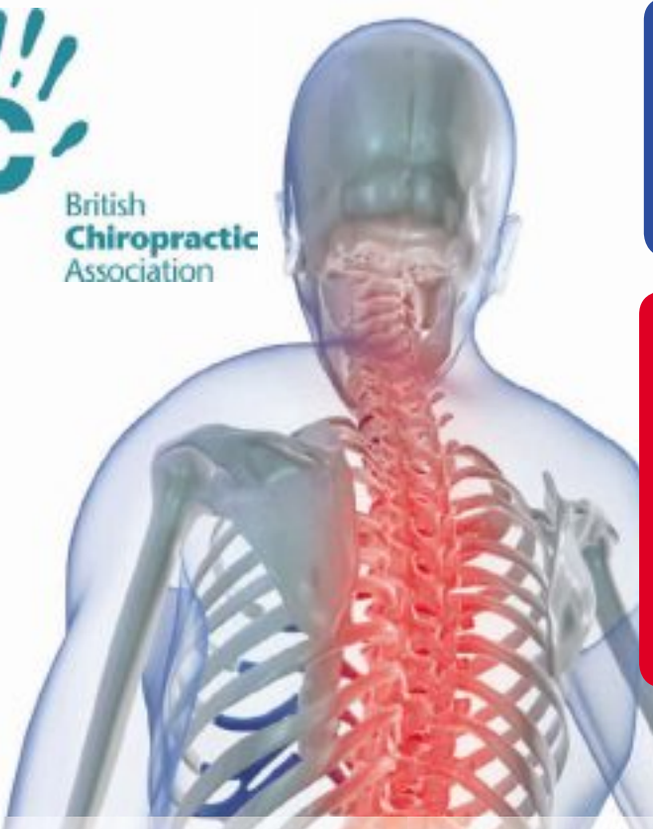

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Phone line fault isolates veteran

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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BT IS trying to reconnect a 90-year-old Second World War veteran after he has been without a phone line for nearly two weeks, leaving him 'isolated' and 'vulnerable'.

Ron Metcalfe, a loyal BT customer for more than 50 years, has been left frustrated by how his predicament has been handled.

Phone lines in Bolbeck Park went down on Wednesday, March 4 and according to BT 50 lines are not working yet. In the meantime customers have had to stay in contact with friends, family, and crucially BT, using mobile phones.

Ron, however, who has five war medals for his service in the Royal Navy, has had to ask his next door neighbour Deepak Bahl to contact BT on his behalf.

Ron, who lost his wife eight years ago and has three children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, said: "I am vulnerable because of my age, but I have a great family who usually call me.

Feeling alone: Ron Metcalfe with his Second World War medals

"A few months ago I pulled the muscle in my shoulder and on March 6 my doctor told me to go to A&E again to get it sorted, but if anything serious happened while I was at home I would not be able to call for help.

"In this day and age it shouldn't take weeks. They kept promising Deepak it would take 24 hours."

A spokesman for BT said: "We have a section of underground cabling which needs to be replaced as it got flooded. The majority of the faults reported currently have service, however there are about 50 lines not working. Openreach are aware of the vulnerable customer and are working to see if it is possible to swap them onto a working section of the cable. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused during this period."

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Will roundabouts face scrapheap?

BY JACK ASH
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PLANS have come to light to scrap some of Milton Keynes' famous roundabouts to help ease congestion as the city grows.

In the South West Transport Assessment paper, 12 roundabouts have been earmarked for removal, to be replaced with traffic lights, while a further 10 are outlined for signalising – keeping the roundabout but installing traffic lights.

The May 2012 paper, prepared for Milton Keynes Council, has been revealed by Theo Chalmers, chairman of pressure group Urban Eden, who believes there has been some 'secrecy' surrounding the document and questions whether residents know about the plans.

A council spokesman said the proposals are one of a number of options.

They added: "The report shows possible options of coping with future traffic flows around the city when additional development has taken place."

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Trip focuses on library benefits

SHADOW Culture Minister Chris Bryant visited Kingston's new state-of-the-art library on Thursday.

Joining him were Labour's parliamentary candidate Andrew Pakes, leader of Milton Keynes Council Cllr Peter Marland and the authority's cabinet member for community services Liz Gifford.

The purpose of the visit was to promote a pledge to protect public libraries in Milton Keynes and to show off one of the most modern libraries in the country.

Booked in: Chris Bryant checks to see if his book is in stock with Labour's Emily Darlington and Andrew Pakes, assisted by Jane Greaves

Secret post office to be stamped out

BY SARAH LEE
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AN HISTORICALLY significant post office, which acted as a secret mailroom for Bletchley Park's codebreakers, will close for good this summer.

The post office, which after the Second World War became a sub post office and gift shop, is owned by private firm, Bletchley Stamp Art.

New management at Bletchley Park have decided it is no longer 'core to the code-breaking story'.

As part of an £8million Heritage Lottery-funded restoration project, Bletchley Park plans to remove private exhibits, including the post office, 'to accommodate the rapidly increasing tourists visiting the museum'.

Bletchley Park can't yet confirm what will go in its place.

When asked whether famous codebreaker Alan Turing's mail might have passed through the mail-room, John Chapman, proprietor of Bletchley Park Post Office, said: "It wouldn't be unlikely that Turing's mail passed through this post office, but it's extremely difficult to prove."

Bletchley Park had to be especially careful that letters sent and received did not provide enemy agents with clues about the work it was undertaking. The mailroom used undercover PO Box numbers like 'PO Box 111 Bletchley' and routed mail through different locations to avoid revealing Bletchley Park's real purpose.

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Act two: The expansion of MK Gallery and a new Premier Inn and retail complex are set to transform the theatre district

Plans to rejuvenate the theatre district

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE Theatre District is set to be rejuvenated after plans for a major revamp were given the thumbs up.

Two separate applications for MK Gallery and a new Premier Inn hotel and retail complex were approved by councillors last Tuesday.

The gallery will more than double in size, while the hotel and retail development will create 100 jobs when it opens in 2016 – with construction set to begin later this year.

MK Gallery's director Anthony Spira said: "Our consultation revealed a desire for improved cultural and community facilities at the heart of the city."

The news is good for existing businesses based in the Theatre District, which has been labelled as 'run down'.

Arron Curtis, who helps run the new MK Social bar in the district, said: "Part of the reason we chose this area was due to the planned development of the site. It will be a much needed injection to a once thriving location."

Jack Paravinci of Bursha Holdings, which acquired the theatre district four years ago, said: "We recognise significant investment is needed to stimulate a lasting change.

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Tributes to Mary

Eighty-nine-year-old praised for her wartime efforts

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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TRIBUTES have been paid following the death of a Second World War heroine who coded the D-Day landing message.

Between 1944 and 1946, Mary Winter MBE, from Wavendon, worked in the German Navy, Army and Air Force Enigma Processing and Decryption Section at Bletchley Park.

During the war she lived with her parents, who ran the Plough Inn, and at the age of 18 a customer suggested she applied for a job at the home of the codebreakers.

Mary started work there in February 1944, working in Hut 8 on the Typex machines to decode enemy naval signals once the Enigma settings had been worked out by the cryptanalysts.

When the war in Europe finished, Mary became secretary to the head of Bletchley Park's Naval Section, Frank Birch, and remained with the British intelligence and security organisation GCHQ for many years.

She was awarded an MBE for her work at Bletchley Park in 1967 and retired to the Isles of Scilly in 1974.

Close bond: Mary Winter with police sergeant Colin Taylor

Her character touched many people, including a police sergeant in Scilly, where she died on Monday, March 9 aged 89.

Sergeant Colin Taylor shared his admiration for Mary in an obituary he posted online.

He said: "It was Mary who was always the first to speak to me when I popped in for a cuppa at the home where she was cared for in her last years.

"She would tell me my uniform reminded her of her father who was a police officer in Milton Keynes and it was clear that the memory gave her comfort.

"Aside from her father she was always at pains to inform me that she had found meaning in my shoulder numbers, 4501. 'They add up to 10 you know' she always pointed out.

"As recently as a few weeks ago she was still able to beat the contestants with the conundrum on Countdown."

A spokesman from Bletchley Park added: "We are all very sad at Bletchley Park to hear of Mary Winter's passing.

"The country owes a great deal to those who worked so hard on enemy codes and kept their secret for many years afterwards.

"A few years ago Mary told us something about her wartime work here and we were delighted to present her with the Freedom of Bletchley Park."

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Ugly building faces demolition in plans

Uncertain future: Serpentine Court has been earmarked for demolition if residents approve a neighbourhood plan

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ONE of the city's ugliest buildings could be bulldozed if residents vote in favour of adopting a neighbourhood plan in a referendum.

Knocking down Serpentine Court, built in the late 60s, and building replacement homes is one of the priorities of the proposed neighbourhood plan for the Lakes Estate.

Residents registered on the electoral roll will get the ultimate say on whether to approve the neighbourhood plan in a referendum that is expected to be held later this year.

The plan also outlines areas where retail and recreational facilities will be located, improvements to existing community facilities and enhancing green open spaces with better playgrounds and equipment.

Councillor Mohammed Khan, a ward councillor for Bletchley, told MK NEWS: "I'm very optimistic about this. People living in Serpentine Court need better living standards."

And Cllr Mick Legg, cabinet member for the public realm, said: "This plan was formed with the full involvement of the community and gives them a real say about how their local area will develop."

Residents are expected to be able to vote in the referendum later this year – no date or month has yet been set – following the plan's approval by examiner John Slater.

The examiner checks the content of the plan to ensure that it meets certain criteria set out in government legislation.

Mr Slater said: "This is a well-considered and realistic plan based on a sound assessment of the challenges of improving this estate, which faces real issues in improving the physical and social fabric of the area."

MK in top gear

VWFS UK

Business Secretary Vince Cable said Milton Keynes would be 'at the centre' of the motor industry during a visit on Thursday.

His comments came as he opened the new Volkswagen Financial Services UK (VWFS UK) building in Tongwell, *right*.

Here's how MK is leading the way in motoring and transport...

'Driverless'

Milton Keynes has been selected as the only city in the UK to test both driverless pods on the pavements and driverless cars on the roads.

The first pods have been tried already and a fleet of 40 will soon follow. Driverless car tests are some way off.

Low fumes

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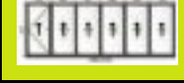	~~£7,075~~ £6,365	

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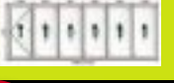
~~£6,035~~ £5,430	

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IMAGINE instead of watching your toddler develop and learn you are forced to watch them deteriorate.

That is what it is like for Nadia Slatch, after her son Zayn was diagnosed with Niemann Pick Type C (NPC) at three months old.

The mother-of-three and full-time carer for Zayn is a trustee for MK NEWS and MKWeb's charity of the year, the Hope For Hollie Foundation, and like founder Helen Carter she is campaigning to raise awareness and support other families like hers.

Unlike Hollie Carter, who also has NPC and seems like a normal nine-year-old girl, Zayn, who is now aged two, is unable to walk or talk and may only live until he is five.

Zayn used to be able to eat solids and was better at using his hands, but in the last six months he has deteriorated and now has to be fed through a gastro feeding tube.

Nadia said: "He has declined in the last six months but I just hope it doesn't continue.

"I hope one day he can walk, as that would mean he would fit the criteria for trials that could go towards prolonging his life.

"But it is his quality of life which is most important and I just hope he doesn't lose more of who he is.

"After all he has gone through he still smiles even though he has lost a bit of his spark."

NPC is a rare inherited metabolic condition that means sufferers cannot process cholesterol properly, leading to various side effects including an enlarged spleen or not being able to talk.

Nadia said it is upsetting for her but more frustrating for Zayn when he knows what he wants but is unable to put it into words.

"He used to point", added Nadia, "but now he doesn't even do that."

For Nadia and her family it is about enjoying the time they have with Zayn.

The 35-year-old added: "We cherish every moment we have with Zayn and make the most of every single day."

To raise money for the Hope For Hollie Foundation, Nadia will be joined by MK NEWS and MKWeb reporter Jessica Duncan and other fundraisers in a charity skydive.

On June 27 volunteers will be jumping out of a plane over The Dropzone in Brackley with a task of raising £350 each for the charity.

Jessica said: "I feel okay about it now as how hard can it be jumping out of a plane with a trained instructor attached to you?

"But when I am up there I know it won't feel like that and I think they will have to drag me from the plane.

"Hope for Hollie is an amazing charity that supports families across the UK but most importantly five in our area. I have already been touched by their stories and look forward to learning more throughout my work with them this year."

■ Read more about Zayn's story and donate to the skydive at www.mkweb.co.uk

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Motherly love: Nadia Slatch is determined to give her son Zayn, who has NPC, the best quality life

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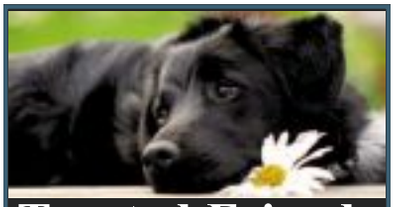

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Students 'disturbed' by Nazi death camp

BY JAMES AVERILL

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STUDENTS were left shocked after visiting Auschwitz – the concentration camp where 1.1million people were murdered by the Nazis.

Pupils from Denbigh School, Sir Herbert Leon Academy and Walton High spent a day visiting the camp in Poland on Thursday as part of a trip organised by the Holocaust Education Trust.

They walked under the famous 'Arbeit Macht Frei' gate, which was often one of the final things prisoners of war would see before they were exterminated.

It was here that the students felt particularly emotional, as they laid their eyes upon the seven tons of human hair that was found and the hundreds of thousands of pairs of shoes that were recovered after the camp was liberated in 1945.

Hell on earth: Students from Milton Keynes, including Walton High's Lenina Griffin, *inset*, paid an emotional visit to Auschwitz on Thursday to mark 70 years since its liberation in 1945

Cameron Watkins, a student at Denbigh School, said: "I didn't know what to expect when I came here, but it's a bit surreal and disturbing really.

"The execution of it all was too well organised to be real."

And Walton High student Lenina Griffin added: "The lasting memory for me is when you could see the scratches from where people had tried to get out in the gas chambers."

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On the ball: Members of MK MAD Walkers at one of their training sessions at Woughton Campus

Walking the walk

BY JACK ASH
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IT REALLY is a walk in the park for the members of a new football team and that is because MK MAD Walkers never, as their name suggests, break into a run.

The side was set up in October by Stuart White from Make a Difference, a group formed in conjunction with Milton Keynes Council to increase activities for people aged 50-plus.

They recently won the first ever Beds and Bucks Walking Football Trophy.

The difference the sport has made to people's lives is obvious with players aged between 48 and 70 years old taking part.

Les Ridgway, 62, from Shenley Brook End, said: "I saw it advertised in MK NEWS and decided to give it a go – I feel 10 years younger."

Stuart added: "There was no reason why it shouldn't have worked, there was a low turnout to begin with but after going in MK NEWS we had 13 players and the team has grown from there."

On Thursday almost 30 people turned up to play, reaching a good standard by the end of the session.

Steve Johnson, from Bletchley and chairman of the team, said: "We have had people say they would never play football again but have turned up to give this a try."

The game is still very much in its development stage, but rules such as walking, no sliding and the ball has to be under head height are set in stone.

The team is always on the lookout for new players and meets at Woughton Campus on Thursdays from 8pm.

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Long locks lopped for little princesses

BY SARAH LEE
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A FIVE-YEAR-OLD girl from Hodge Lea has lopped off her Rapunzel-like locks to help other little princesses who have lost their hair through cancer.

Taliah Robertson, a pupil at Wyveryn School, Wolverton, shocked her mum with a snap decision to part ways with her blonde hair.

Trisha Robertson, 32, said: "At first I was mortified as she loves her 'Rapunzel' hair and she takes a lot of pride in letting me brush it.

"She then stated she wanted to send it away to poorly children.

"I couldn't resist. I arranged for an appointment and we set up a Just Giving page to raise some pennies for Little Princess Trust.

"I was surprised she came up with the idea. We often speak about how lucky we are and how some adults and children don't have anything so we should count our blessings."

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs to boys and girls in the UK and Ireland who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

"We had a target of £50, which is a lot of money for a little girl, and so far she has made £209.47," added Mrs Robertson.

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Band goes heavy on the Wah factor

MILTON Keynes band Wah Wah Club have announced a headline show at The Craufurd Arms in Wolverton on Friday.

The alternative rockers have been putting the finishing touches to their debut album A Life Uncharmed, due for release this summer.

As well as working hard in the studio, Wah Wah Club have been making a name for themselves on the live circuit.

The band's original style of alternative British rock has had the crowds grooving around the mosh pit to their trade mark 'sweet n sleazy' guitars and dark melodies.

Frontman Dan Buckland said: "It's taken us a year to record the album, going to the studio to record three or four songs at a time, then home, then back again after a few weeks to repeat the process for the next few tracks.

"All the material is now recorded and being mixed as we speak."

Guitarist Marc Laskey said: "A lot of credit goes to our producer, Charles Rees, who has helped us catch the sound we were really after. We are all very pleased with the results and can't wait for everyone to hear the album."

The four-piece have received great reviews following a recent string of shows at venues across the tough London circuit.

Focussing their attention closer to home this time, Wah Wah Club are headlining at The Craufurd Arms supported by hotly tipped young band, Cold Ocean Lies.

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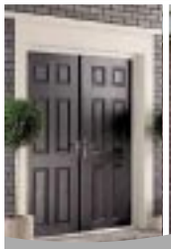

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Up for grabs is a superb champagne and canapé reception for 20 people in the private dining room.

Take part and you could wow your friends and family with this prize, worth £250.

The Swan's manager Lee Hall said: "It's been a fantastic decade when we've notched up some terrific successes and become a must-visit destination on the local gastro scene.

"There's lots to celebrate right now, not least earning a great reputation for the quality of the fresh seasonal food our talented head chef Stefano Boi cooks, the carefully chosen wines from our award-winning list and the great friendly service that comes with them.

"Our parties and events are legendary, especially in the fabulous setting of our private dining room that's perfect for celebrations of all kinds."

For your chance to win answer this question:

What anniversary is The Swan in Salford celebrating?
A) First
B) Second
C) Fifth
D) Tenth

To enter visit mkweb.co.uk/competitions or send your answer, name, address and daytime phone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by March 25. The editor's decision is final

aprilfooling

MIKE Belgrave will host a boisterous bout between eight acts, each battling for the crown of the Comedy Cow Gong Show.

Mike describes himself as a 'stand up comedian, animator, music video director extraordinaire, children's entertainer, graphic novelist, outsider music musicologist, Dr Who fan, blogger, amateur chef and lover'.

The acts are not screened prior to performance, some may have you in stiches – others may make you wonder why they even bothered, or who put them up to it.

Whatever happens, guests are guaranteed a night of wild fun courtesy of a real pro.

Mike will ensure the laughs keep on coming and everyone feels part of the action.

Ellie Taylor, the host of Snog, Marry, Avoid, will be headlining the night on April 1.

The evening will be held at Casino:MK in Xscape at 8pm with doors opening at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from **www.comedycow.co.uk**

riverart

AN OBSERVATIONAL walk along the banks of The Great Ouse by Year Four pupils from Old Stratford Primary School inspired a range of creative responses displayed in the MK Gallery Project Space this month.

A Walk Along the River, on display until March 29, features poetry, leaf collages, delicately detailed drawings, river reflections, watercolour landscapes and mixed media picture postcards.

The exhibition includes a collaborative sculpture of the riverbank made by pupils in a workshop during a recent visit to MK Gallery.

By looking carefully at the environment around them and translating it using different media and techniques, the participating pupils have built a richly varied body of work that captures the organic shapes, textures and muted colour palette of a winter walk along the river.

Describing the experience of their visit and trying to capture the ever-changing river-scape, art teacher Nichola Clarke said: "At first glance all seemed dormant but as we looked more closely, hidden winter jewels appeared. The winter palette was punctuated by lichen covered branches and red berries."

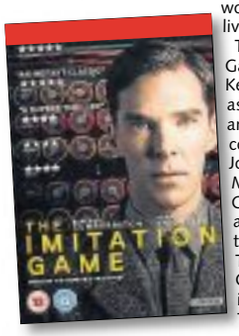
imitationgame

THE Academy Award-winning Imitation Game is now available on DVD and blu-ray.

The blockbuster scooped an Oscar for best screenplay, despite Benedict Cumberbatch missing out on the gong for best actor.

Based on the real-life story of Alan Turing (played by Cumberbatch), who is credited with cracking the German Enigma code, The Imitation Game portrays the nail-biting race against time undertaken by Turing and his brilliant team at Britain's top-secret codebreaking centre, Bletchley Park, during the darkest days of the Second World War.

Turing, whose contributions and genius significantly shortened the war and saved thousands of lives, was the eventual victim of an unenlightened British establishment, but his work and legacy live on.

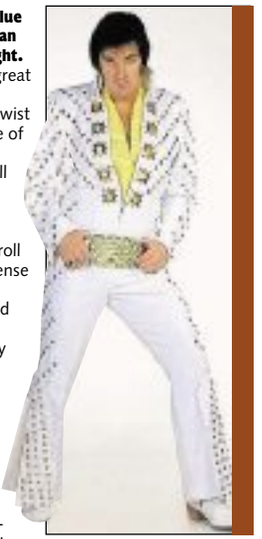


The Imitation Game also stars Keira Knightley as close friend and fellow codebreaker Joan Clarke. Mark Strong and Charles Dance are also in the top-notch cast. The Imitation Game on DVD is available from Tesco for £10.

elvistribute

PULL on those blue suede shoes for an Elvis-themed night.

Take in some great music at an evening with a twist – although some of Elvis' most well-known songs will be performed the evening will also pay tribute to the rock and roll legend's great sense of humour.



There's no need to be a diehard Elvis fan to enjoy this show. Alvin Printwhistle classes himself as the 'ultimate' Elvis tribute act throughout Buckinghamshire.

He began singing Elvis songs at 16, when his parents brought him his first guitar.

Elvis with Alvin Printwhistle will take place at Wilton Hall on Saturday, April 6. There is a buffet from 8pm and the show starts at 10pm. Tickets, costing £30, can be bought from the venue on 01908 372277.

LINFORD Manor Park is a hidden gem within Milton Keynes and steeped in history.

The park is a beautiful setting with a network of paths that also lead up to The Grand Union Canal and the railway walk.

The earliest known remains of the site are from the Anglo-Saxon period and the construction of the current manor was completed in 1690.

Designed by Richard Woods in the 1760s, the garden's original designs were lost in the 1970s, but The Parks Trust is currently exploring opportunities to recreate them to a style sympathetic to the misplaced plans.

A site of regional, geological interest lies within the parkland. Fossils have been found here dating back to a time when a shallow tropical sea covered the entire area.

DON'T overlook the hidden pleasures of Linford Manor Park when planning a day out. The Parks Trust takes you on a scenic tour of all that is on offer at this historic site

There is also St Andrews Church, which dates back to the 13th century. During its restoration in 1980 a late medieval timber roof and carving of medieval woodland were found.

This is a great spot to enjoy a picnic, particularly in front of the water gardens.

There were four descending water gardens in front of the manor, which were fed by springs from a well that still flows today.

Two of the ponds can still be seen – one was destroyed when the Grand Union Canal cut through the estate and the fourth can be found hidden in the trees between the canal and the railway walk.

The trust is currently proposing to bid for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to carry out heritage conservation work at the site.

Linford Manor can be found in the village of Great Linford, with access from Marsh Drive, the High Street, or Parklands via St Leger Drive.

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ENGLISH instrumental duo The Hut People are proving to be one of the most entertaining and best-loved acts on the UK folk scene today.

Gary Hammond and Sam Pirt use a mix of global rhythms with folk tunes from Quebec to Spain, Scandinavia to Sussex and everywhere in between.

Combining these sounds they create a unique, quirky celebration of a rich musical heritage.

Expect feel-good dancing tunes, audience participation, step dancing, Quebecois foot-percussion and plenty of humour.

The Hut People, supported by Kelly Oliver, will be at The Stables on Saturday.

The music starts at 8.45pm and tickets cost £10 in advance from www.stables.org or £12 on the door.

theatrehaunting

THERE was nothing unusual about it. It was another run-of-the-mill Wednesday for the staff at Milton Keynes Theatre who were below the stage taking photos ahead of an impending health and safety audit.

But Wednesday, September 5, 2012, proved to anything but ordinary as the duo discovered upon developing their photos to see a sinister figure lurking behind a pillar in the storeroom.

The strange form, which appeared in just one of the photographs, was staring directly back at them.

Further investigation found it was impossible for a person to stand in the area directly behind the pillar due to the heavy electrical equipment stacked there.

An intrepid couple of ghost hunters, who work at the theatre, have already spent time in the dark basement and claim to have been subject to strange noises and a sense that something is just 'not right' down there.

Have you ever witnessed anything untoward on a visit to the theatre? Whether as a member of the audience, visiting cast or crew or staff member. Who ya gonna call? Try 0844 871 7652.

woodworkout

CHARLIE Wood is an American singer-songwriter with an eclectic musical style blending jazz, blues, traditional R&B and pop music together to create his own unique sound.

Born in Memphis in 1967, Charlie spent many years performing there with his Hammond organ trio.

His gigs became popular among local artists and touring musicians, who would often come for sit-ins at his shows.

Big name musicians like B.B. King, Georgie Fame, Joey DeFrancesco, George Coleman, Mulgrew Miller and Alvin Batiste became known faces at his performances.

Last year Charlie released his first UK album, New Souvenirs, with 12 original tracks.

He will be performing at MK Gallery on Saturday, March 28 at 12.30pm. The event is free but suggested donations of between £5 and £10 are welcomed. Tickets are available from www.mkgallery.org

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MKlifeHOTPICKS

parkbark

BRNG your four-legged friends to Furzon Lake to find some canine companions and discover a new dog walking route on Saturday.

The walk will be on a lead at a moderate pace suitable for healthy dogs more than 12 months old. The walks will last approximately one-and-a-half to two hours with optional off-lead sessions, where conditions allow. Pre-registration is essential for the walk at 10am, which costs £1 per dog. Email events@theparkstrust.com.

charcoalcreation

CREATE your own art materials from scratch at Westbury Arts Centre, then sit back and enjoy the warmth of the fire while honing your drawing skills.

Learn charcoal drawing techniques and take home your very own charred pieces turned crisp and black from the fire. Bring a sketchbook or notebook, if you have one. The event is on Saturday from 2-6pm. Tickets cost from £5 to £7 from westburyartscentre.co.uk

glitteringshowtime

ENJOY a Vegas party fit for Elvis with showgirls, a casino and entertainers at Whittlebury Hall.

Rat Pack favourites and classics like Come Fly with Me, Volare, That's Amore, Under My Skin, Mr Bojangles, Mack The Knife and many more will be belted out during the memorable night.

Las Vegas Night will be on at Whittlebury Hall on Friday, April 3. Prices start from £49 per person, including a three-course dinner and half bottle of house wine. The fun begins at 7.30pm with a disco until 12.30am. Tickets are available at whittleburyhall.co.uk

backagain

JOIN Marty McFly and Doc Brown in the classic 1985 sci-fi classic, Back to the Future.

Follow the pair through time and watch Marty meet his own parents in high school, and then ensure they fall in love to secure his own existence.

Starring Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd, Back to the Future will be screened at 7.30pm at MK Gallery on Friday.

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Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Whaddon

RHYEN Jordan Estate Agents Milton Keynes is delighted to bring to the market this outstanding, five double bedroom, detached executive family home situated within the heart of the idyllic village of Whaddon.

This popular and sought-after village has easy access to Milton Keynes, Buckingham and Aylesbury, making it an excellent rural location for families and professionals who need to commute.

The village of Whaddon is at the centre of the ancient Whaddon Chase – an area of special landscape interest that is still a popular destination for would-be artists. Whaddon Church of England School, which takes children aged four to eight years old, is nearby and the village is within the catchment area for the Royal Latin Grammar School in Buckingham and also has the potential for children to be sent to the Aylesbury grammar schools and Cottesloe School in Wing. Historical buildings, including Whaddon Hall where the 'Station X' wireless interception function was transferred to from Bletchley Park in 1940, envelop the village.

The price of this property is available on application. Call Rhyen Jordan on 01908 303664.

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£795,000

Emerson Valley

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge & Dining/Family Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Five Bathrooms
- Garden & Double Garage

A stunning and tastefully extended detached property in Emerson Valley close to the Ouzel Valley Park. The property has been extended and refurbished to a very high standard and has gated access with ample off road parking and a double garage.

£700,000

Loughton

- Premier Location
- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Two En-Suite Bathrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge & Study

A four bedroom detached property in the sought after location of Loughton near to the old village church situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. The property comprises an entrance hall, lounge, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and downstairs cloakroom.

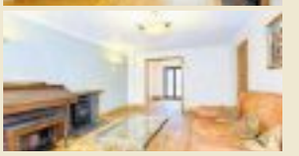
£600,000

Giffard Park

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Double Garage
- Large Private Driveway

An excellent four bedroom detached family property. This exceptional property, available for sale in the stunning Rowsham Dell in Giffard Park has enjoyed many improvements and also boasts a double garage with electric rolling shutter security doors.

£450,000



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Downhead Park

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- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Gardens

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- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garden & Garage
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Broughton £330,000
- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Immaculately Presented
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- Large South Facing Garden

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- Two Reception Rooms
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- Double Glazing
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- Semi Detached Property
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Bradville £235,000
- Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
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- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

Great Linford £225,000
- Well Presented Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Chain

Two Mile Ash £205,000
- End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Stantonbury £195,000
- Detached Property
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- Lounge/Dining Room
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Campbell Park £185,000
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- Two Bedrooms
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Stantonbury £300,000
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Kingsmead £300,000
- Semi Detached Townhouse
- Four/Five Bedrooms
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- Lounge & Kitchen/Dining Room

Old Farm Park £239,995
- Three Bedroom Detached
- En-Suite To Master
- Driveway
- Attractive Rear Garden

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- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Off Road Parking

Great Linford £225,000
- Well Presented Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Chain

Two Mile Ash £205,000
- End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Eaglestone £180,000
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Central Location
- Garage & Off Road Parking

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Simpson £139,950
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ATTENTION

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- Desirable Location
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Oxley Park £275,000

- End Terraced Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking

Kingsmead £385,000

- More Properties Required
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- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

Tattenhoe £305,000

- Well Presented Detached Property
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- Two Reception Rooms

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- Three Storey Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Oxley Park £225,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- One Reception Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Gas Central Heating

Crownhill £185,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Two Bathrooms

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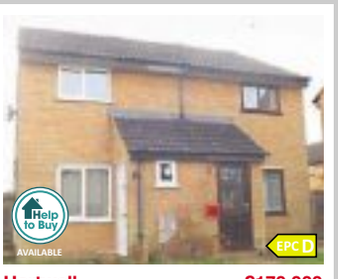

Hartwell **£170,000**

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Fullers Slade **£139,995**

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
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- Four Bedrooms
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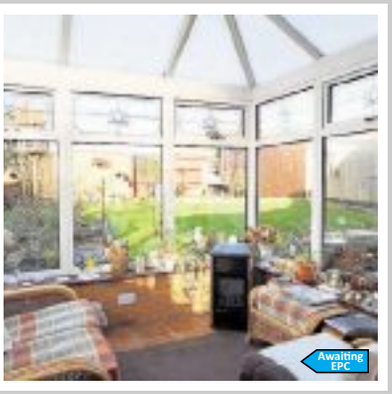

Broughton **£425,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garden

Walton **£405,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Study & Lounge
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Cranfield **£187,500**

- Semi Detached Property
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Broughton **£175,000**

- First Floor Apartment
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- En-Suite to Master
- Popular Location

Broughton **£175,000**

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Bletchley **£255,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
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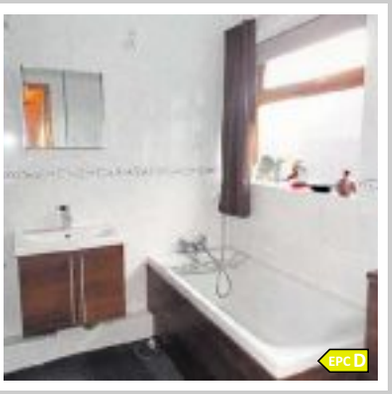

Bletchley **£240,000**

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Bathroom & Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Ample Off Road Parking

Bletchley **£192,500**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Open Plan Living Area
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Garden

Bletchley **£180,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Close to Bletchley Station

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£22,937- £36,571 pro rata **Ref: 59001922**
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For informal enquiries please contact Garry Lake or Jo Clifford on 01908 253232.

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£20,253 - £22,212 pro rata **Ref: 59000618**
18.5 hours per week

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For informal enquiries please contact Sue Bruce or Madeleine Carrington on 01908 253614/253623.

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We are currently looking for Class Teachers to join our expanding staff team from September 2015

We would like to appoint dynamic and creative class teachers to join our expanding school and to work within our dedicated and enthusiastic teaching team. Due to the expansion of the school we can be flexible and will negotiate appropriate year groups based on successful applicants' preferences. You will be inclusive in your approach and fully committed to helping every child to achieve their full potential. We welcome applications from NQTs and experienced teachers.

We are looking for teachers who:
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For further details and an application form please contact Mel Clarke at the school address, telephone 01582 706500 ext 245 or email hradmin@chantryprimaryacademy.com

Closing Date: 26th March 2015
Interview Date: w/c 13th April 2015

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Average of 10 meetings per year

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- Circulation of relevant paperwork and information for Governors and Committee members in accordance with specified deadlines.
- Being able to advise the Governing Body on governance legislation and procedural matters as appropriate, before, during and after meetings (or be able to seek such advice);
- Maintaining accurate membership records and systems for governor correspondence.
- Other support as required.

The successful candidate should have an interest in education, be reliable, tactful and able to deal with matters confidentially.

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There is an average of 10 meetings per year, mostly during the early evening, but very occasionally during the school day.

All meetings will be paid at the rate of £80-£120 (to include all associated tasks), depending on experience.

Training, induction and support will be provided.

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Closing Date: 20th April 2015, 12 Noon
Interview Date: w/c 27th April 2015

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2 x Class Teacher

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Interview date: Wednesday 15th April 2015

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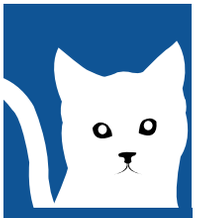

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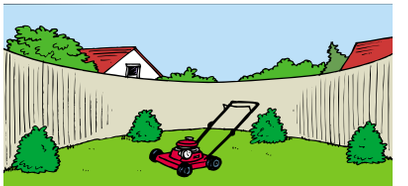

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (VARIOUS ROADS, KNOWHILL) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014) VARIATION ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 17th March 2015 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed Order will affect all classes of vehicles and have the following effect in Knowlhill, Milton Keynes:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along lengths of Davy Avenue, Kelvin Drive, Harrison Close, Roebuck Way and Seebeck Place;

Exemptions from the Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

This Order will come into effect from 19th March 2015.

Copies of the Order as made together with a map showing the area referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference **PH-S1-TRO-111.**

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been compiled with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES) (DERESTRICTION) ORDER 2004) VARIATION ORDER 2015

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (PARTS OF C140 STRATFORD ROAD AND C155 GREAT MONK STREET (V5), MILTON KEYNES) (30 MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 17th March 2015 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Orders will affect all classes of vehicles.

The effect of the Orders is to introduce 30 mph and 40 mph speed restrictions along the following lengths of road in Milton Keynes:-

1. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 30 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - **C155 Great Monk Street (V5)** from the southern junction of Stratford Roundabout, for a distance of 271 metres in a south-easterly direction
   - **C140 Stratford Road** from the western junction of Stratford Roundabout, for a distance of 128 metres in a westerly direction
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This Order will come into effect from 23rd March 2015

Copies of the Order, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference PH-S1-TRO-106.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (TURNMILL AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD) (ON-STREET RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING AREA) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make two Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

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The remainder of Turnmill Avenue will not be restricted and will stay as public highway, which all motorists have an equal right to use.

All motor vehicles are affected by the proposed Residents Permit Parking Area Order except for motorcycles and mopeds.

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Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 15th April 2015 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-113

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Hyundai i20

SMALL WONDER

The latest Hyundai i20 is bigger, slicker and a good deal better equipped to take the fight to the top contenders in the supermini sector. Its predecessor won sales by playing the value card. This time round, Hyundai's counting on quality carrying it through.

The great thing about the i20 is that it's a car designed by Europeans, in Europe for European conditions, so it's no surprise that we liked the way the last car drove. This latest model should be no exception, the team in Russelsheim tuning the fully-independent MacPherson strut front suspension and semi-independent coupled torsion beam axle at the rear for our roads. This i20 is a bigger car, so the suspension has been tuned to cope with the bigger footprint, the stiffer superstructure and the optimised weight distribution.

Of all the cars in its line-up, the i20 has traditionally been Hyundai's most conservatively-styled thing. Early design renderings for this second generation car looked a good deal more adventurous, but in the metal, it's been very toned down. It's still a handsome piece of penmanship though, carried out under the auspices of ex-Audi design boss Peter Schreyer. The front end looks cleaner and wider, while the area around the C-pillar and rear wheel arch has elements of Golf Mk5 about it, which is no bad thing.

The interior is really smart, with the design maturity of a much bigger car. Interior space has improved, with combined front and rear legroom of 1892mm, a class-leading figure and comparable with the space of some cars from the class above. The wheelbase is 45mm longer and additional legroom was created in the front by raising the height of the dashboard and moving the glovebox and surrounding components forward. Cargo capacity has also been enhanced, making the vehicle one of the most accommodating in the segment.

It's early days yet, but the omens for the Hyundai i20 look promising. Clearly much will hinge on the finer points of pricing, specification and efficiency, but the Koreans look to have got the fundamentals very right. The i20 has taken some time to bed in with European buyers but this latest model's impressive interior quality and assured styling only serve to reinforce the point that Hyundai isn't content with being seen as an equal to the likes of Ford and Vauxhall. They're looking beyond that benchmark and eyeing Volkswagen.

Only five years ago, we'd have probably suppressed a chuckle at that degree of chutzpah. These days we take Hyundai very seriously. Its product range speaks for itself, its accelerated development cycles have the rest of the auto industry in cold sweats and every model shows massive and tangible progression. The latest i20 is no exception.

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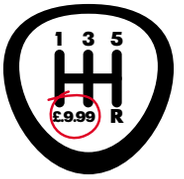

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Milan Kostourek led the charge with a hat-trick as Lightning closed the gap on sixth placed Manchester, who lost 4-3 at Guildford Flames.

But the city side – as so often has been the norm this season – could not follow it up with a win on the road, leaving Basingstoke with a 6-4 defeat on Sunday. With Manchester beating Bracknell on Sunday, Lightning ended the weekend still three points behind Phoenix.

Against Tigers, few fans could believe the scoreline at the end of the first period, which saw Lightning 3-0 ahead despite being outshot 16-6. By the end of the game that shots deficit grew to 55-23.

But Telford's strength in depth counted for nothing against an injury-ravaged Lightning with only 15 fit players – including two netminders.

Curtis Huppe dressed for the first period but did not ice, while Lewis Christie and Grant McPherson were also sidelined with injuries.

"It was a fantastic win on Saturday, especially considering that we were short-staffed for the game because of injuries.

"It was a fantastic performance and we've had quite a good run of late. We started the game on Sunday very tired from the night before but we showed great character."

It's the final two games of the regular season this weekend, when Lightning are at home to Basingstoke Bison on Saturday, before they travel to Peterborough Phantoms on Sunday.

Head coach Nick Poole said that he didn't think his team could leapfrog Phoenix in sixth, but he was still keen to notch up as many points as possible.

"It looks quite slim for sixth and if we can stay injury-free that'd be great. We're certainly not going to be taking it easy though and we want to win."

Shockwave: MK Lightning inflicted a rare defeat on the runaway league leaders Telford Tigers, the sort of form they are going to need with the playoffs looming

BADMINTON

Adcocks served out of Swiss Open

CHRIS and Gabby Adcock's defence of their Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold mixed doubles title came to an end in Basel after they lost 21-23, 14-21 to China's world ranked eight pair Lu and Huang in the quarter-final.

The Chinese fifth seeds had inflicted defeat on the Adcocks in their only other meeting at the China Open in November and as the English pair established a commanding 7-1, then 18-14, opening game lead, a repeat of that victory seemed unlikely.

However, a brilliant recovery based upon the Huang serve saw China come back to 18-19 and then a game-winning 23-21, despite each pair holding, and saving, game point.

It was a similar story too in the second game with the Adcocks showing a good response to lead 11-7 at the break.

Yet again, though, the Huang serve was to prove crucial, bringing a timely eight uncontested winners to spark a rousing China comeback from 12-7 down to win 14-21.

Lu Kai and Cai Yun also beat Andy Ellis and Peter Mills 21-10 21-14 in the men's doubles quarter-final.

On Monday, MK Badminton are in action when they travel to Team Derby in the National Badminton League.

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SPORTSSHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town suffered two defeats during the week, the first of which was a 4-3 reverse at home to Eynesbury Rovers in the United Counties League Premier Division. They also lost 2-1 to Holbeach United on Saturday.

In Division One, Olney Town lost 3-0 to Bourne Town.

Stony Stratford Town lost 3-2 to Hatfield Town in the Spartan South Midlands Division One. In Division Two, Wolverton Town beat Willen 3-0, while New Bradwell St Peter lost 1-0 to Kent Athletic and Old Bradwell United drew 0-0 at Brimsdown.

In the Milton Keynes Sunday Football League Knock-Out Cup quarter-final, Wolverton Town beat Buckingham United A 3-2, Caz Bar won 6-1 at Gregory Max FC, Willen lost 4-3 to Stony Stratford Town after extra time and The Garage MK beat Newport Albion 3-1.

ATHLETICS

AT THE British Masters Indoor Championships held at Lee Valley, John Skelton took silver in the M60's 3000m race with a time of 10.36.62.

Jack Kee organised an early season Throws Trials at Stantonbury where there were many encouraging performances from athletes such as Emma Beardmore, who threw the senior ladies hammer 44.17m.

MMKAC provided almost half the athletes who represented Buckinghamshire in the annual Inter-Counties Cross-Country Championships held at Birmingham. The senior ladies race over 8km saw Bucks finish an excellent 14th.

Mark Dowson was the sole local runner in the British Masters Cross-Country Championships held at Ruthin(N.Wales). Racing over 8km, Mark placed 56th overall, and 10th in the M35 category.

There were two road events and Steve Green, in his first race this year, placed 16th from a field of over 6,000 in the Silverstone Half Marathon. In the Bushy Park 10km race, Jeremy Vick took third place with a personal best of 34.51, while Nadine Lewycky was first lady with a PB of 37.10, and the 11th fastest in the club all-time 10km rankings.

Richard Harrison, partnered by Davina Raidy (Rossendale) in the Haworth Hobble, a 32 mile event with more than 4,500 feet of climbing in the South Yorkshire Pennines, placed both third in the mixed team and third for an over-50 team.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes men's firsts lost 4-0 at home to Sevenoaks in the South Hockey League Premier Division One, as they stay third from bottom in the league.

The ladies didn't fare much better in the South Clubs' Women's Division 3A, after their five-match unbeaten run came to an end with a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Maidenhead Seconds.

RUGBY UNION

THERE were no fixtures for Bletchley, Olney or Milton Keynes last weekend, but they are all back in action this Saturday. In Midlands 2 East (South), Olney travel to bottom club Dunstablians. Bletchley have a tough trip to second-placed Towcestrians in South West 1 East and Milton Keynes are at Beaconsfield.

NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

YOUNGSTERS have until Friday to enter a competition which could see them be one of the 15 mascots which will come out of the stadiummk tunnel when Northampton Saints play Saracens on April 25.

To enter your child into the competition just complete the form at www.tinyurl.com/AvivaMascotMK no later than Friday, March 20. Entry is free and the competition is for children aged between seven and 14.

MK DONS

Samir shouldering a big role in the middle

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SAMIR Carruthers has said that Keith Andrews has been a huge influence for him since the former Birmingham City player joined the club.

Carruthers had another good game deputising for Dele Alli on Saturday, and the 21-year-old said that Andrews has given him valuable support.

"Keith Andrews has helped me massively since he has come into the club and he's really taken me under his wing," said Carruthers.

"Obviously the gaffer helps me, but I've been doing some one-to-one with Keith and he's got bags of experience.

"He's played at the highest levels and I find it interesting learning from him.

"He's looked after me, and I see my game getting better and better with every game."

Carruthers said that he enjoys the responsibility of being in the middle of the park.

The former Aston Villa midfielder enjoyed a good game against Walsall and he said he loves to get stuck in with a good tackle or two.

He said: "You're on the ball, I love a tackle and you go forward and can dictate play.

"It's a big responsibility but I like that and I feel like a part of the match, so I enjoy it."

Carruthers has had a couple of problems with dislocated shoulders in recent games, having to pop each shoulder back in during matches against Peterborough United and Preston North End.

He is working on trying to strengthen that area of his body.

"I've got a rehab programme but you've just got to get on with it – that's what my dad taught me!" said Carruthers.

Dons have been on a sticky run of form lately, but Carruthers says there isn't a lack of confidence among the players.

"We had some good chances at the end of the Walsall game.

"On another day we'd have won that," he said.

"We all had chances to score but it's just one of those things – it's just football.

"We were confident coming into the game and we can take confidence coming out of it as well.

"We could have buckled when we went 1-0 down but we showed a lot of character to come back.

"The gaffer has been doing a lot of work on getting our confidence back up to where it should be."

Arm wrestle: Samir Carruthers gets help with a dislocated shoulder

MK Dons goalkeeper coach PAUL HEALD writes exclusively for MK NEWS

IT WAS good to get a few players back for the 1-1 draw with Walsall on Saturday and I think we looked more settled.

It's good to see the treatment room looking more empty and that means there are more players out on the training ground, which means the gaffer gets more scope to put his strongest team out.

When we do that we're a match for anyone in this league.

It's down to us now to start grinding out results and we're playing Notts County at stadiummk on Saturday.

This season has been amazing in that some teams that were struggling not long ago are now pushing for the playoffs, so I'm sure that Notts County will be thinking that some back-to-back results is something they will want to take advantage of.

But we're starting to get all of our players fit, and they won't relish coming to stadiummk.

We're chomping at the bit to put ourselves back in the automatic promotion places and showing what we are capable of.

We're working hard with David Martin to get rid of that rustiness after his time out injured, but he's an experienced player and he will get back to match fitness quite quickly.

Dave's been chomping at the bit to get back and it was such a niggly injury that kept him out.

Gus Poyet was sacked as Sunderland manager on Monday and that will be a high-pressure job for whoever goes in there.

Dick Advocaat has been given the job for the time being and he's got to hit the ground running.

They need someone who will take the club forward.

MK DONS' RUN-IN

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APR 25: ROCHDALE (A)
MAY 3: YEOVIL (H)

ROWING

Rowers head into third

MILTON Keynes Rowing Club put themslves on the map by finishing 53rd overall and third in their category in the Women's Eights Head of the River Race along the Thames from Chiswick to Putney.

The race marks the end of the winter season and is the biggest head of the river race of the year for women's rowing.

Among 300 other crews, Heidi Towse, Louise Rivett, Jayne Skeith, Louisa Briar, Abi Green, Lucy Millett, Karen Wilson, Paula Heywood and their confident cox Andy Darnell tackled a gruelling 6.8km course.

A strong start ensured the MK ladies put distance between themselves and a Kingston crew desperately trying to chase them down.

Spurred on by cox Andy, the boat quickly caught the crews ahead. An exhausting battle with Leicester resulted in MK besting a further three crews. Despite their fatigued muscles the women dug deep to push through, catching a fifth boat on the finishing line.

Floating force: The Milton Keynes Rowing Club women's crew

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FORMULA 1

Red Bull could pull out over 'one-sided' set-up

RED Bull could quit Formula 1, according to one senior member of the racing staff.

Team advisor, Dr Helmut Marko, told the Austrian press that unless regulations are changed his side could pull out, as the sport is becoming, in his opinion, too one-sided.

Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo finished sixth in his home race on Sunday, which was the first Grand Prix of the new season, while Daniil Kvyat failed to make the starting grid at the season opener after a gearbox problem.

The weekend saw Lewis Hamilton romp to victory, with Mercedes teammate Miko Rosberg in second, and Dr Marko believes that without changes, Red Bull owner Dietrich Mateschitz could lose interest and quit the sport.

"We will evaluate the situation again [in the summer], as every year, and look into costs and revenues," Marko told Austrian media in Melbourne.

It's the pits: Daniel Ricciardo, who finished sixth, pulls in for a pit stop

"If we are totally dissatisfied we could contemplate an F1 exit.

"Yes, the danger is there that Mr Mateschitz loses his passion for F1."

Before the change in regulations, Sebastian Vettel won four World Championships for Red Bull, who regularly picked up the Constructors Championship during that time.

Vettel moved to Ferrari last summer and finished third in his first race for the Italian side.

Red Bull team principal, Christian Horner, also commented that there is a three-tier racing system, which is unhealthy for the sport.

However, it is believed that Red Bull have a contract with the sport's bosses that ties them to Formula 1 until 2020.

It wasn't the easiest of first races for the team and Kvyat said it was frustrating not even to be able to start the race.

"Obviously it's not a nice feeling to watch the other drivers on track while you are here," he told the team website.

"From now on, it can only get better, we are staying positive."

CYCLING

Team is recycled

WITH their eyes very much on the future of bike racing in and around Milton Keynes, friends and supporters of Corley Cycles-Drops Cycle Racing Team met on Saturday night to celebrate the launch of the city's newest racing team.

Led by team principal Phil Corley – the 1978 National Road Race Champion – the team brings together years of experience and reunites Corley Cycles with Bob Varney who used to manage Team Milton Keynes youth outfit, Team Keyne. The team is also tapping into the enthusiasm and support of many of the parents of the team's younger riders, who can see the health and sporting benefits of the racing programme that's been planned for the five teams within the Corley-Drops set up.

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Dons are back in business

Comfortable victory at Oldham Athletic as Dons keep up with promotion-chasing pack

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MK DONS put their four-match winless run to an end with a straightforward 3-1 victory over Oldham Athletic last night.

Dons had lost their previous three games before the 1-1 draw with Walsall on Saturday, but they put that sequence of form to bed after they strolled past the Latics.

The win kept Dons within six points of second-placed Preston and they have a great chance to close the gap even further on Saturday. Dons entertain struggling Notts County, while Preston must get a result at in-form Barnsley and Swindon Town don't play.

Dons had the lead with 25 minutes gone when Dean Bowditch slotted home a perfect through-ball from Samir Carruthers and the former Aston Villa midfielder was the provider again 12 minutes later when Daniel Powell turned in his cross.

Ben Reeves curled in a beauty in the 65th minute and even a Rhys Turner consolation goal couldn't spoil Dons' night.

Read the full match report online at: www.mkweb.co.uk/sport

Back on track: Goals from Dean Bowditch, Daniel Powell and Ben Reeves gave Dons a crucial 3-1 win over Oldham Athletic

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